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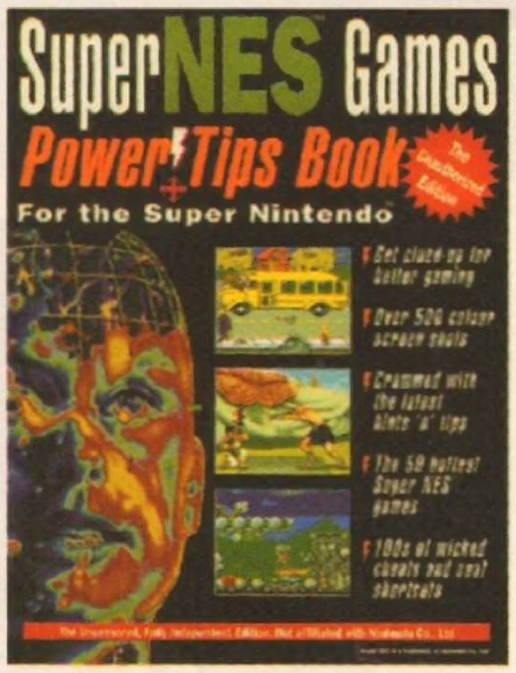
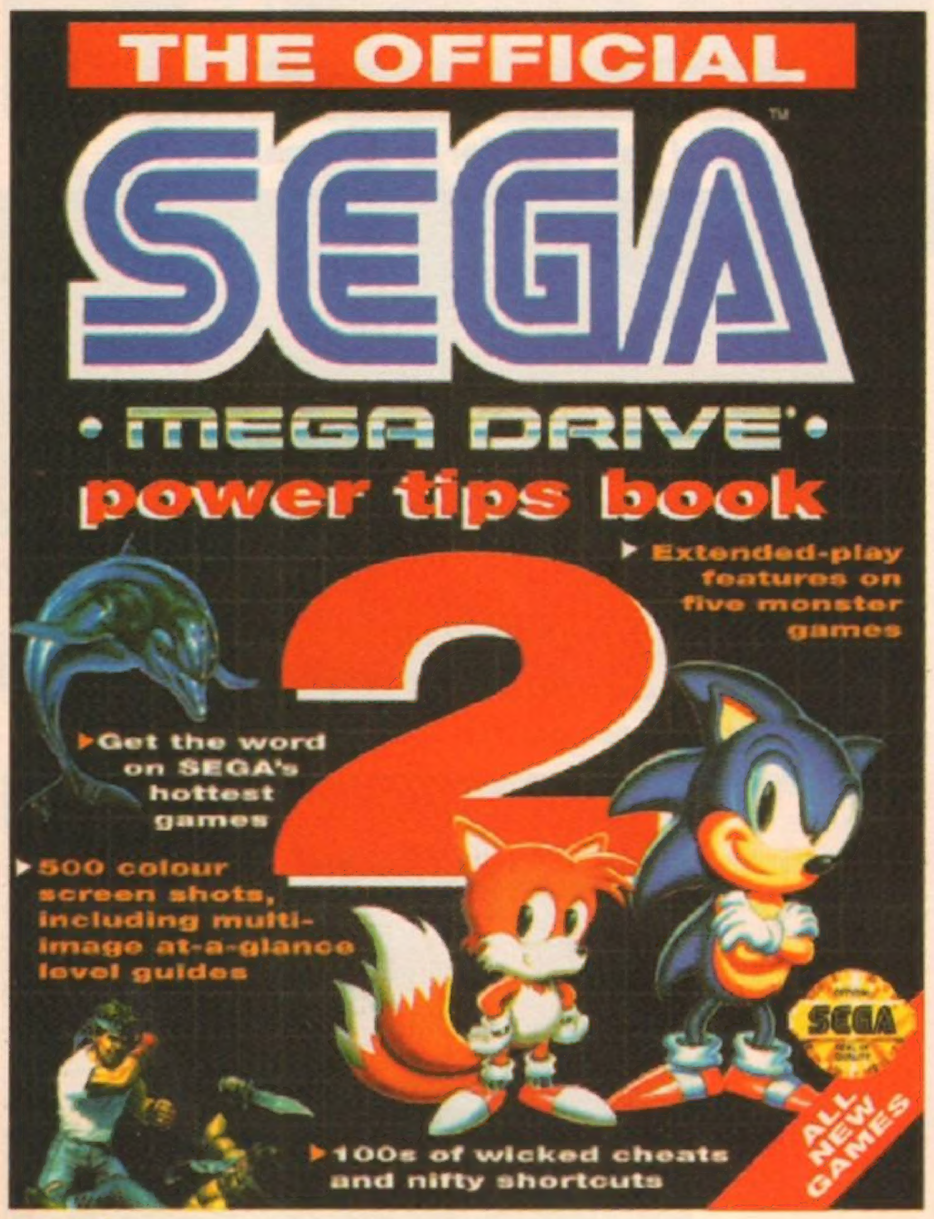
VIRGIN GO BOOK BARMY



A recent investigation revealed that only 19% of Northern children enjoyed reading at school. We find that rather worrying – and so does Virgin Publishing, who is trying to do its bit to bring together this new-fangled video game stuff and the aeons-old pastime of enjoying a good read. That's why the firm has released tips books for the two big console formats.

The Super NES Games Power Tips Book hasn't been authorised by Nintendo, like so many things, but nonetheless comes packed with invaluable advice on hundreds of games. The Official Sega Mega Drive Power Tips Book is endorsed by Sega though, and is packed to the gunnels with comprehensive hints and cheats on the top games, as well as some crap ones. Both cost the not-considerable sum of £9.99 and they're available from most good book shops. And there's a copy of each available to the first person who sends us the name of the character Noel Gordon played in 'Crossroads'. Send your answer to: **NOEL GORDON/TIPS BOOK COMPETITION, CVG, PRIORY COURT, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON EC1R 3AU,** to arrive no later than 14 November, 1993.



A1200 IN YELLOW BOX SHOCKER!

£349.99 for an A1200 plus tons of serious and games software.

Look at it this way; you love your old Amiga 500, but it really is starting to look a little clunky these days, and anyway, there's more and more top stuff on the horizon that's specifically A1200; take the well-suped versions of Frontier, TFX and Inferno, for example. If that's the case, then why not have a butchers at the new A1200 bundle for Christmas?

Desktop Dynamite is its name, and not only does it come with the games Oscar and Dennis, but it's also packaged with Wordworth, Print Manager and Deluxe Paint IV, so you can make your parents believe you're doing something worthwhile as opposed to wasting your life on these 'game' things. The whole lot comes in an attractive yellow box, and Commodore is knocking it out for £349.99 – not bad, considering it's a 32-bit monster.

DIARY DATES

EA SAY NO TO SUPER NINTENDO
Electronic Arts has put a hold on its European SNES lineup. The firm has pulled out because of the strength of the Japanese yen and its effect on the price of SNES games in Europe

FRANKEN-SNES!
Coming from Elite is The Adventures Of Dr Franken on SNES, a 16-bit adaptation of the game which went down well on Game Boy. You control Franky through 20 massive levels, avoiding over 40 different types of enemy.

FROM LITTLE ACORNS...
Acorn World '93 is taking place at Wembley between 29-31 October. Star of the show will be the 32-bit Archimedes. Acorn hopes it will receive a new lease of life now it's come down in price to £399.99.

TERMINATOR SLIPS
Due to 'technical difficulties', Virgin couldn't get us a copy of Dune on Mega-CD before the deadline, and Terminator on M-CD has slipped to February at the earliest. However, we'll definitely have Dune for review next month, so you can stop crying now.

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CHART SNES TOP 10

1 MARIO ALL-STARS
(Nintendo)
2 MORTAL KOMBAT
(Acclaim)
3 STRIKER
(Elite)
4 POP 'N' TWINBEE
(Konami)
5 STARWING
(Nintendo)
6 TAZMANIA
(THQ)
7 SUPER STAR WARS
(JVC)
8 BATMAN RETURNS
(Konami)
9 NBA ALL-STAR CHALLENGE
(Acclaim)
10 ALIEN 3
(Acclaim)